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In re P	atent Application of	)	MAIL STOP AF		
Ry	ota SUGIMOTO	) )	Group Art Unit: 3764		
Applic	ation No.: 09/870,672	) )	Examiner: F. Mathew		
Filed:	June 1, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 8651		
For:	IMPLANTABLE TUBULAR DEVICE	) )			
MAIL	nissioner for Patents STOP AF Indria, Virginia 22313				
Sir:	AMENDMENT TRANS	Μľ	TTAL FORM		
1.	Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final responding to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004.				
2.	2. Additional papers enclosed:  [ ] Notice of Appeal  [ ] Information Disclosure Statement  [ ] Form PTO-1449, references included  [ ] Citations  [ ] Declaration of Biological Deposit  [ ] Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.				
3.	Extension of Time				
The pr	oceedings herein are for a patent application and	the	provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.		
[X]	[X] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.				

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Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	[Fee for Small Entity]	
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00	
two months	\$ 430.00	\$215.00	
three months	\$ 980.00	\$490.00	
four months	\$1,530.00	\$765.00	

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ 0.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

[ ]		$\_$ month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of $\_$	
	deducted from the t	total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.	

#### 4. Constructive Petition

[X] EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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#### 5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	23	Minus	35	0	x \$18 each=	+\$
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R.§1.16(b))	3	Minus	4	0	x \$88 each=	+\$
[] First presentation	of Multiple deper	ndent claim	n(s)		\$300.00	+ \$
SUB-TOTAL =					\$	
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				\$		
TOTAL FEE =				\$ 0		

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[X]	No fee	is to b	e paid a	at this time
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Check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to [] charge any additional extension of time fee or additional fee for claims due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

> Respectfully submitted, CERMAK & KENEALY LLP

Dated: October 14, 2004

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#### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents MAIL STOP AF Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated July 14, 2004, the response period extending through October 14, 2004, Applicant requests consideration and entry of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.